The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 19, 2023

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle.

Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

Masks are optional but available in the narthex for anyone who feels more comfortable taking that precaution for themselves or on behalf of others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

 → one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. C: Amen.
- P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.
- P: Holy One, source of our renewal,
- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELW # 853

GREETING

P: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ... O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2 (read responsively)

- ¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- ²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?
- ³"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- ⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them | in derision.
- ⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.
- 6"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."
- ⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.
- ⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- ⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- ¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- ¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;
- ¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**P:* Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

- ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
- ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY Pastor Traci

*HYMN OF THE DAY

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW # 315

*The Apostles' CREED

- A: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 - I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 - I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- A: Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

- A: Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. C: Amen.

*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

A: Let us pray ... Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive our offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The LORD be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. *C*: We lift them to the Lord.

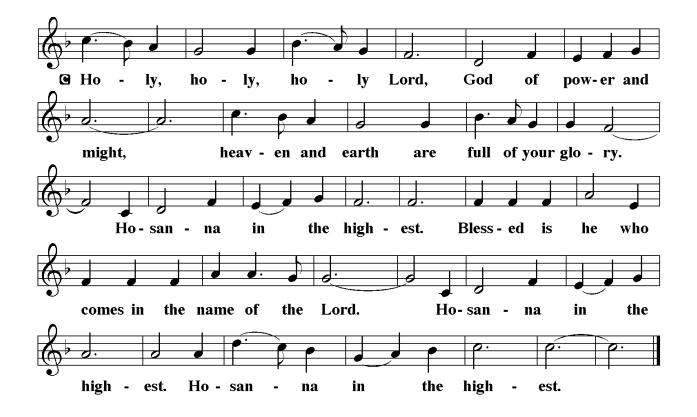
P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our LORD Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

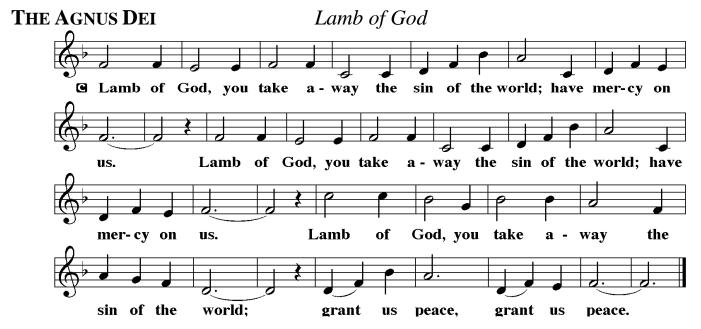
By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. *C*: Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen



INVITATION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

Note: White grape juice is available in the cups in the center of the trays.

The Usher will invite the lectern side, then the piano side, then the back section forward for communion.

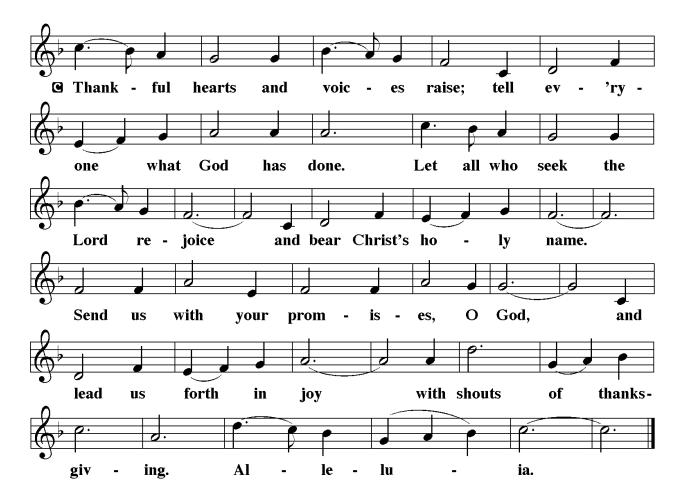
If you do not feel able or comfortable coming forward for communion, the pastor and assisting minister will gladly commune you in your pew. Please let the usher know you would like to receive communion.

*COMMUNION HYMN Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW # 489

BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray... Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG

Alleluia Song of Gladness

ELW # 318

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God in memory of my niece, Sandy Johnson, by Mary Nelson.

Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers distribute food on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

The Items most needed are: Sunny D Drink, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna, Ham, or Chicken and Paper Towels. *Linda Smith*

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Carl Alexy, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenberg, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Bonnie Brobst, Diane Cappel, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Sheryl Confeit, Terry & Cathy Creek, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Lindsey Garrison, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Melissa Johnson, Darren Kreutzer, Carrie Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Charles Minnick & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, John Steele, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, John Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Camryn Gates.

Those Serving in the Army Overseas: Nathan Smith (Germany), Melody Estep.

The 2023 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones or to honor loved ones. There are plenty of dates available. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00.

Dates available: 4/9, 4/16,4/30, 5/21, 6/4, 7/2, 10/8, 10/15, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17, 12/24. If you would like a Sunday(s) you can also call the church office at 814-793-2413.

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Organist – Mary Nelson

Our Missionary Family – On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Lectors – Youth

Our Acolyte – Jeffrey Hoenstine

Our Assisting Minister – Calleigh Wright

Our Altar Guild – Jean Sinal

Our Ushers - Youth

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

First Quarter Ventures in Faith to "Local Needs"

This Week at St. Matthew:

814-793-2413

Office Hours

Pastor Traci – see schedule

Lori Tremmel – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

Today – Worship/Youth Sunday Service in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

Sun.-Mon. - Snowtubing Youth Lock-In 2:00 p.m. till Mon., 11:00 a.m.

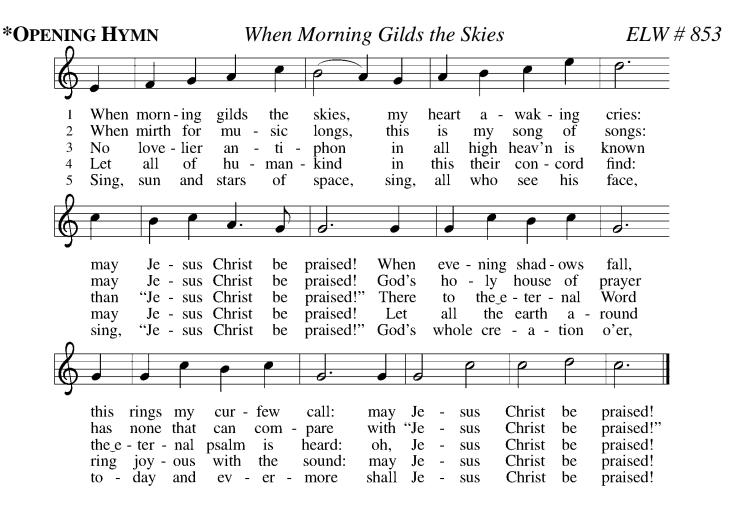
Monday – Scouts, Scout Rooms 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Employee Meeting, Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.

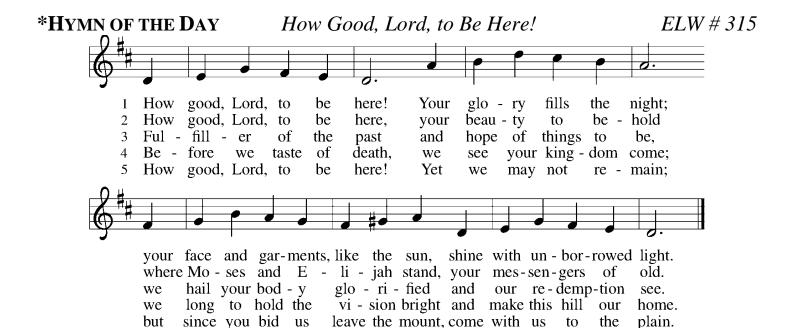
Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

Sunday – Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary 9:45 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.



Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness *COMMUNION HYMN



- 2 Vida ofrece, y paz preciosa tu palabra poderosa; por unirse al elemento hace el santo sacramento. Con el pan y vino adquiero cuerpo y sangre del Cordero. ¡Oh, misterio tan profundo! ¿Quién lo entiende en este mundo? Estribillo
- 3 Ya mi alma tú libraste, y el pecado tú quitaste, cual preludio de tu cielo, hoy me gozo en tu consuelo. Cielos, tierra, noche y día te den gracias a porfía: "Por tus múltiples favores, gracias mil y mil loores!" Estribillo

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677, stanzas; Esther Berticaux, b. 1944, refrain; tr. composite Spanish stanza text © 1964 Publicaciones "El Escudo," admin. Augsburg Fortress. English stanza text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Refrain text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress



- 1 Al-le-lu-ia, song of glad-ness, voice of joy that can-not die;
- 2 Al-le-lu-ia you are sound-ing, true Je-ru-sa-lem and free; 3 Al-le-lu-ia can-not al-ways be our song while here be-low;
- In our hymns we pray with long ing: Grant us, bless-ed



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high; ju - bi - lee; joy - ful moth-er, al - le - lu - ia, bring us to your al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go; saints on high; at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful



the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly. here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex-iles still are we. for the sol-emn time is com-ing when our tears for sin shall flow. you for - ev - er al - le - lu - ia there to joy - ful - ly. sing-ing

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880